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*Rome, April* 4.

WE are told, that the Duke *d' Estrees* the French Ambassador at this Court, has received Letters of the first instant, from the Mareschal *de Vivonne* at *Messina*, in which he gives an account, that the Spaniards having attacked the Castle of St. *Salvador*, near the *Capucins*, had been repulsed, but that being reinforced, on the 29 past, they made another assault, and took it; upon which the Messineses joining themselves with the French Troops, had sallied out, and retaken the said Fort, with a considerable loss to the Spaniards, and the death of the Count *de Bucquoy*, General of their Cavalry, who was killed. The same comes confirmed from *Naples*.

*Naples, April* 7. The Gallies of this Kingdom are parted from hence for *Sicily*, from whence we are informed, that the Spaniards have been beaten out of the *Capucins*, *Paradiso*, and another Post they had taken near *Messina*, by the French and Messineses who sallied out upon them. That Lieutenent-Admiral *de Ruyter* lay with his Fleet at *Reggio*, in sight of the French.

*Genoua, April* 15. By a Bark arrived here, in three days from *Thoulon*, we have advice, that 25 Gallies were arrived there from *Marseilles*, to join with 14 sail of Men of War, bound with fresh succors for *Messina*, where the Spaniards, it's said, have received a great loss, by a sally the French and Messineses made out of the Town upon them; but on the other hand the Spaniards tell us, that the Dutch Fleet lies before *Messina*, having forced out of the Hare to the Eastward several French Men of War, that were cruising abroad, to look for Vessels laden with Corn. Two or three Vessels are gone from hence to *Final*, and another is following, to transport several Troops that have been raised in *Milan* for *Messina*.

*Vienna, April* 12. The Emperor continues his retirement at the Castle of St. *Vyt*, the 24 instant he will part thence for *Luxemburg*, and after having spent some short time there, will pass to *Prague* in *Bohemia*, to continue there this Summer. We expect here from the Court of *Bauaria*, the Count of *Tattenbach*, to negotiate some matters of great importance. The Count *de Montecuculi* is very weak, and much out of order, so that it's believed he will not at all remove from the Court this Summer.

*Strasburg, April* 20. Above 100 Wagons arrived this last Week at *Saverne*, laden with Meal and Corn; and, we are told, that the Boors are commanded to furnish forthwith 150 Wagons to carry some Ammunition from *Saverne* to *Haguenaw*. The Duke of *Luxemburg* continues at *Schlestadt*, where he hastens the Fortifications that are making there. *Philipsburg* remains blocked up; and, we are told, that the French will not any more attempt to relieve it, till their Army comes into the Field, which will be reinforced with certain Troops from *Flanders*, and then they will set all at stake to free the place. We have Letters from *Metz* in *Lorrain*, which say, that people were still in an expectation that the King, after having passed some short time with his Army in *Flanders*, will take his journey thither, to influence by his presence, the affairs of these parts.

*Spire, April* 21. The Elector Palatine has sent back to *Manheim*, *Hydelberg*, and *Frankendall*, his Troops employed for the blocking up of *Philipsburg* on this side; and we are told, that 3000 Men are to come in their room from *Lautersburg*.

*Cologne, April* 24. The Marquis *de Grana* is gone to make a turn to *Coblentz*, to confer with the Elector of *Treves*, concerning several matters relating to the Campagne. The French, we hear, had designed to have treated *Hinsbergen* in the Countrey of *Juliers* in the same manner they did *Sittard*, but there being a good Garison, they thought fit to retire. In the mean time, the Duke of *Newburg* has sent 3 Deputies to *Maestricht* to know the meaning of these proceedings. We hear nothing farther of his Highnesses journey to *Vienna*. From *Liege* they write, that since the demolishing of the Cittadel, those Inhabitants begin to grow very disorderly endeavouring in a manner wholly to throw off their subjection to our Elector, who is Prince of *Liege*. From *Vienna* we are assured, that the Emperor will pass this Summer at *Prague*, so to be nearer the *Rhine*.

*Hamburg, April* 24. We gave you an account in our last, that here was a report of the Danes having made a descent upon the Isle of *Rugen*, made themselves Masters of it; since, by several Passengers arrived here, from *Stralsond*, we understand, that seven Danish Men of War having for some days, appeared upon the Coast of *Pomerania*, had landed some Men upon the Isle of *Rugen*, but that the Swedes taking the alarum, and putting into Arms 3000 Horse, and 1000 Foot, the Danes were forced to retire, leaving about 60 of their company behind them, who were taken Prisoners. Yesterday the Queen-Mother of *Denmark*, together with the Duke of *Hanouer*, arrived at *Altena*; the Duke of *Zell* is likewise expected there; and we are told, that the Duke of *Holstein*, who is at present here, hath been desired to repair thither; but that he has excused it, and has sent his Brother the Bishop of *Eytin*. *Stade* continues blocked up.

*Mons, April* 27. The 17 instant, the French set down before *Conde*, and on Tuesday last the King arrived in the Camp, and that night the Trenches were opened. We had here perswaded our selves, that the place would have been able to hold out till Wednesday or Thursday; and that in the mean time, it would have been relieved, for the Prince of *Orange* and the Duke *de Villa Hermosa* have this night their quarter within a League or two of *Conde*, if they have no altered their resolution, upon the news they will certainly have had of the taking of the place on Saturday night last. We have not any particulars, farther then that the Garison were all made Prisoners of War. Yesterday the Most Christian King was still with his Army at *Conde*, to repair the ruines that have been made in the Siege, and to refresh his Men.

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